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The House met at 10 a.m.

Pastor Joe Hishmeh, Fellowship Bible Church, Topeka, Kansas, offered the following prayer:

Almighty Father in heaven:

What a joy and privilege it is to seek You through prayer. All across this great land of the United States of America, we are in need of Your guidance, Your direction, wisdom, and grace. Heal us from our sins, restore us to Yourself and be glorified in our lives.

We entrust our citizens, our troops, public servants, and leaders to You this day. You have established this distinguished assembly of leaders to represent our citizens, and we simply ask You to use each of them to make a positive difference today.

We recognize Your powerful hand of guidance, Your heart of love for people, Your mind of wisdom and righteousness. May they offer a help and a hand, a hope and a future through the decisions that are made in this place.

I ask this in the name of Jesus. Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House her approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Mr. LEWIS of California. Madam Speaker, I object to the vote on the ground that a quorum is not present and make the point of order that a quorum is not present.

The SPEAKER. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

The point of no quorum is considered withdrawn.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Ohio (Mr. CHABOT) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CHABOT led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. Curtis, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate has passed with amendment in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 5493. An act to provide that the usual day for paying salaries in or under the House of Representatives may be established by regulations of the Committee on House Administration.

### WELCOMING PASTOR JOE HISHMEH

The SPEAKER. Without objection, the gentlewoman from Kansas (Mrs. BOYDA) is recognized for 1 minute.

There was no objection.

Mrs. BOYDA from Kansas. Thank you, Madam Speaker.

When Pastor Joe Hishmeh first came to Topeka from Chattanooga by way of Dallas, the Topeka Fellowship Bible Church's congregation consisted roughly of about 100 people. Six years later, that same church now has over 1,300 loyal members.

Pastor Hishmeh, a husband and a father of three great boys, has initiated a

number of programs which greatly benefit our community of Topeka. One of those programs is called "Sharefest." Originally, there were three churches performing much-needed upkeep on two of our local schools. This year, the program has grown to eight different churches, including over 500 volunteers, painting and landscaping our Topeka schools.

Through "Sharefest," Pastor Joe has shown his congregation the joy of giving without expecting anything in return, very, very, very biblical in the principles of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Through "Sharefest," in almost no time at all he has created a ripple effect of goodness and charity in the community of Topeka and beyond.

Pastor Joe Hishmeh, thank you for bringing that ripple effect all the way to Congress.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to 10 further requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### END THE WAR IN IRAQ

(Mr. KUCINICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KUCINICH. Madam Speaker, \$183.7 billion war-funding request in light of more than 4,000 U.S. troops who have died, tens of thousands injured, a million dead or more innocent Iraqis, a cost of \$2 to \$3 trillion. We're borrowing money from China to fight this war. We're ruining our economy. We're ruining our moral standing in the world. We're ruining our children's future and making the world more dangerous for a war based on lies.

Why do we keep funding it? Support the troops by bringing them home. End the war. End the occupation. Close the

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